



FEDERAL ELECTION COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20463

April 15, 1999

Charles Ball
Charles Ball for Congress
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San Ramon, CA 94583

RE: MUR 4809
Charles Ball for Congress and its treasurer

Dear Mr. Ball:

On March 29, 1999, the Federal Election Commission found reason to believe that Charles Ball for Congress and its treasurer violated 2 U.S.C. §§ 433(a) and 434(a)(2), provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971, as amended ("the Act.") However, after considering the circumstances of this matter, the Commission also determined to take no further action and closed its file. The First General Counsel's Report, which formed a basis for the Commission's finding, is attached for your information.

The Commission reminds you that the failure to file a Statement of Organization in a timely manner is a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 433(a) and filing reports disclosing activity outside of the reporting period is a violation of 2 U.S.C. § 434(a)(2). You should take steps to ensure that this activity does not occur in the future.

The confidentiality provisions at 2 U.S.C. § 437g(a)(12) no longer apply and this matter is now public. In addition, although the complete file must be placed on the public record within 30 days, this could occur at any time following certification of the Commission's vote. If you wish to submit any factual or legal materials to appear on the public record, please do so as soon as possible. While the file may be placed on the public record before receiving your additional materials, any permissible submissions will be added to the public record upon receipt.

If you have any questions, please contact Susan Finkle, the staff member assigned to this matter, at (202) 694-1650.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Scott E. Thomas".

Scott E. Thomas
Chairman

Enclosure
First General Counsel's Report